

Camellia sasanqua Paradise Crimson Belle

Common Name Camellia sasanqua

Height , Low Growing (1.5 - 2m)

Spread , Medium (1 - 2m)

Growing Conditions Drought Tolerant, Frost Tolerant, Full Sun, Moderate Watering, Part Shade, Tolerates Dryness



Profile

Flowers are semi-double and dark crimson-pink in colour. Flowering very early from March. Lots of flowers with just a hint of perfume. Plant habit is elegant, bushy & upright with a deep green foliage.

Paradise sasanquas can be grown Australia wide. They are tolerant of heat and light frost.

Uses

Low to medium hedges, Informal borders, Feature shrubs, Espalier, Large containers, Containers, Hedging, Screening, Shrubs

Planting

Full sun to light shade

Camellia sasanqua prefer a well drained acid soil. They will not tolerate waterlogged soil and heavy soils should be improved with plenty of organic matter prior to planting.

All camellias require good drainage.

Space plants 1m apart for a hedge or border.

With heavy, clay or very poor soils add organic matter to the area prior to planting.

Dig your hole approximately twice the size of the pot being transplanted.

Backfill around your plant with loose soil ensuring that the top of the root ball is sitting level with the surrounding ground.

Water deeply and mulch.

Staking of your camellias is recommended to help support soft new growth and helps to produce a larger plant more quickly.

Care

Although very tolerant of dry conditions once established Sasanqua's will benefit from regular deep watering around the base for the first 3 months after transplanting.

Mulching will help to protect surface roots from extremes of temperature and also help to maintain moisture levels in the soil. The mulch layer should be applied 10cm thick and kept 5cm - 10cm away from the base of the plant to ensure adequate air flow around the stem of the plant.

Pruning can be done at any time of the year but remember your flowers form on the growth made in spring. Pruning off this spring growth will remove your next flowers. The best time to prune is after flowering in early to mid winter.

Feed your Camellias in spring and summer with a high quality complete fertiliser.

To view the extended profile for this variety follow

http://www.paradisepplants.com.au/Plants/Plant.aspx?plant_id=743.